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Patricia Ritter to Demonstrate Watercolor Painting at Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

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BEREA, Ky. – On Saturday, Nov. 30, Patricia Ritter, of Kettle, will demonstrate watercolor painting from 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Ritter was born and raised in Philadelphia, where she was trained as a classical dancer and then worked as a paralegal before moving to Kentucky in 1978. She is entirely self-taught as an artist, having been given her first set of watercolors by a friend and work associate more than 20 years ago. Ritter credits her father as a major artistic influence.

“My father used to draw all the time,” she said. “For us kids he often made multiple drawings into a flip chart to create these unique animated story books. My father always encouraged our artistic activities.”

Ritter has lived most of her adult life in rural Kentucky, and is personally drawn to the details of old homes and structures. The landscape and small towns of Kentucky have been a constant and endless source of creativity and inspiration for her work. She paints domestic everyday scenes with rich color and detail and is interested in utilizing patterns of shadow to create strong dark and light contrasts.

Ritter is an active arts advocate and is a consultant for the Kentucky Arts Council’s Kentucky Peer Advisory Program. She is a juried member of the Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsmen and a roster artist with the Kentucky Arts Council.

Works by Ritter are regularly available at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, located at 200 Artisan Way, just off Interstate 75 at Berea Exit 77. The center’s exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the cafe is open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Celebrating 10 years in 2013, the center currently features works by more than 650 artisans from more than 100 counties across the Commonwealth. Special exhibits on display include, “Capturing the Art of Sport: Works by Kentucky Artisans,” through Feb. 22, 2014. The center lobby features an 18-foot Christmas tree decorated with sports-themed gifts and ribbons in university team colors of red and blue. For more information about the center’s events call 859-985-5448, visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kentucky.artisan.center, or go to the center’s website at www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov.

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is an agency in the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.



Photos, left to right: Patricia Ritter shows a young visitor her watercolor techniques; The start of a watercolor painting by Patricia Ritter with a reference photograph seen on the left, shot by the artist, and used as her source of inspiration for her painting to the right.